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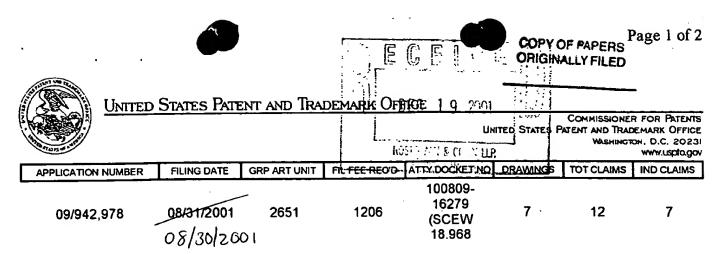
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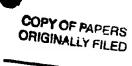
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This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priorities from the prior Japanese Patent Applications No. 2000-266155 filed on September 1, 2000 and No. 2001-261736 filed on August 30, 2001, the entire contents of both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to a technique for distributing contents which includes, for example, game programs, video signals, image data, sound data, music data, character information or the composition of them, especially to a technique for managing fees arising from distributing or utilizing these contents.

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2. Description of the Related Art

Along with the popularization of the internet, distributing contents to numbers of people is becoming easier. Recently, pay services of distributing contents are implemented actively. However, in the case that pay contents is transacted through the wide-area network like the internet to which general public people can access, it is difficult to set charge fee properly, because it is hard to figure out how much the pay contents is utilized.

To solve such problems, the techniques for distributing contents were conventionally proposed, which are described below.

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